tain Craig."

Discovery of a Secret League Organized fo the Purpose of Killing the Czar. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.-The police have been displaying much activity of late, more particularly in Russian Poland, and a very large number of arrests have been made. Among those arrested at Warsaw was the Polish historian, Vladislav Smolensky. The charges against the persons taken into custody were not known, but it was surmised that they were in some way implicated in designs against the government, or in other words that they were plotting against the life of the Czar. This surmise has proved to be correct, for it has transpired to-day that the arrests were the result of the discovery of the existence of a secret league, the object of which was to assassinate the Czar. It is not known how many persons have been taken into custody in connection with this latest plot against the life of the Czar, but enough has come to light to show that the haul made by the police has been very extensive.

It is believed that further arrests will shortly be made at the frontiers. A dispatch from Mitau, the capital of Courland, states that the police have arrested Baron Habn, a well-known land owner, for tearing down the imperial coatof-arms which stood over the door of the court-house at that place.

## THREATS OF NEAL SINS.

Says Me Will Wreak Vengeance on the Slayers of His Notorious Brother Bob.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 28 .-- Terrible scenes are being enacted in Choctaw county. The citizens are wrought up to such a pitch of excitement that a war of extermination is being waged against the Sims gang. Since Christmas two more of the deluded people have been hoisted to death at the rope's end. As announced yesterday, John Sims, a brother of Bob Sims, and Moseley Sims, Bob's nephew, were lynched on Saturday, and the regulators are in pursuit of a negro who is reported to have taken part in the McMillan masacre of Dec. 23. When caught he will be strung up. The most alarming thing about the situation is that Neal Sime, a brother of Bob, who rescued the latter from the deputy marshal at Baden Springs, in Choctaw county, Aug. 20 last, is still at large and determined to avenge Bob's death. Neal is a desperate man. He firmly believes that his brother was a prophet of God's choosing and had divine sanction to kill off the devil's agents, namely, the officers of the law. Neal Sims collected forty of the phrophet's followers and sent word Sunday that he intended to assault and burn the village of Womack Hill before the night of that day. The people are greatly excited, and all of Sunday were massing at Womack Hill to defend the place. Up to this time Neal has not carried out his threat. A dispatch from Shubuta, Miss., says:

News continues to come slowly from the est of war in Choctaw. The latest and est confirmed is that John Sims, a brother who has not hereto-Bob's vagaparticipated in and lawlessness, was arrested ate Saturday evening, because letters found in Bob's house and in the pockets of one of the Savage boys implicated him. It s believed he was lynched before his custodians reached the jail with him. Jim sloseley, a Sims follower, was also being lynched. He was tried by the vigilantes and it seems that nothing could be proven against him and that he succeeded in convincing the vigilantes that he had quit the Sims gang before any of the atroci-Jim Sims, who was killed at Bladon Springs while rescuing Bob from the United States marshal, was the man who killed preacher Carroll some time before the Bladon tragedy. Jim Sims came to Moseley and brought him to assist the assassination of Carroll, but Moseley, intending to quit the Sims gang, succeeded in pleading the sickness of his wife. Carroll was killed that night, and Moseley dared not expose the slayer. After renouncing the Sime greed, and promising solemnly to reform and become a good citizen, Moseley was

Neal Sims has never been heard from. Sims's wife and daughters were under arrest a day and night, but were released. Mrs. Sims promises to reform and live as other citizens. She says she never approved Sims's course, but dared not oppose or leave him, for fear of her life. It is believed Mc-Millan, Utsey and Miss McKenzie will re-

Two Lynched in Nebraska.

GREELY CENTER, Neb., Dec. 28 .- Word received here to-night that Joseph and Dick Kruth, who murdered Robert Kuntz, near Spaulding, and were being brought to this place by the sheriff. were lynched by a masked mob about eighteen miles north of here. The sheriff and his deputies were overpowered, the report says, and the men were hanged to a tree. The sheriff should have arrived here this evening, and as nothing has been heard from him it is thought the story is

Uncle of a Murderer Lynched. NATCHEZ, Dec. 28.-From Black Water, La., the place where T. J. Hart was murdered Christmas eve, comes the news that an uncle of the murderer was hanged last night by the searching party. Developments go to show that there was a plot to murder young Hart in which several negroes are implicated, and the citizens of hat neighborhood have determined to rid

themselves of the entire gang. The Florida "Nigger" Hunt.

WILDWOOD, Fla., Dec. 28.-It is reported to-day that Thomas Mike, the murderer of conductor Parramore, had been captured, hanged to a tree, and riddled with bullets, but upon thorough investigation no basis for the rumor can be found. At any rate, hundreds of men are still searching the woods, and say that Mike is still at large, and that the reports of the lynching were probably circulated to aid him in escaping.

University Extension.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 .- The first annua meeting of the national conference on university extension opens its session in Philadeiphia to-morrow, under the auspices of the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching. More than half a hundred institutions are represented, including all the leading colleges and universities of the country. Among the dis-tinguished delegates are Hon. William T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Ed neation; Bishop John H. Vincent, chancellor of Chautauqua; Presidents Patton, of Princeton; Gilman, of Johns Hopkins; Thwing, of Western Reserve; Harper, of Chicago; Keane, of Washington, and many others. To-night a reception was tendered them, by leading citizens of Philadelphia, at the Art Club.

Four Persons Polsoned by Arsenic. MILWAUNEE, Wie., Dec. 28 .- Mary Pierce, Mary Zause, Lizzie Schmuckert and an unknown man, inmates of a dive known as 'The Shamrock," were taken violently ill to-day, foaming at the mouth and writhing in great agony. An investigapoisoned by arsenic, which was placed in a pitcher of beer. Bessie Waugh, another inmate, who refused to drink of the beer, is under arrest, and the police claim to have proof of her guilt. Physicians think the victims can be saved. A quantity of what is thought to be arsenic mixed with dry flour was found in the Waugh woman's trunk. She stoutly maintains her inno-

An Inhuman Father.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 28.—Charles Kimball seriously and probably fatally whipped his three-year-old chiid last night. The child was disrobed and put in a tub of ice-cold water and allowed to remain some time. The inhuman father then took it out and whipped it with a heavy leather strap, cutting its body in a horrible man-

Sudden Changes of Weather Cause throat diseases. There is no more effectual

PRINCE'S FACE PEPPERED

Duke of Connaught Seriously Wounds Prince Christian While Hunting.

One Pellet Strikes the Latter's Eye and Ruins It-Custodian of the Vatican Funds Deposed-An Excitable Frenchman.

ROYAL HUNTING ACCIDENT.

Prince Christian Shot in the Face by the Duke of Connaught-An Eye Ruined. LONDON, Dec. 28 .- The injuries from which Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg is suffering were caused by one of the accidents that are so frequent in the hunting field. The Queen is spending the Christmas holidays at Osborne house, her residence on the Isle of Wight, and among the royal company is Prince Christian, who is the husband of Princess Helena Augusta Victoria, third daughter of the Queen; the Duke of Connaught, her Majesty's third son; Prince Henry of Battenberg, who married Princess Beatrice, the Queen's youngest daughter. and Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein. The day before Christmas these four princes, attended by the usual beaters, started out to shoot over the pre-

serves belonging to the royal estate.
Late in the afternoon, when the
sport was nearly finished, some
birds were flushed which rose
between the Duke of Connaught
and Prince Christain. The former, who had no idea that his shot would reach Prince Christian, fired into the covey. Unfortunately his aim was not high enough to carry the shot over the head of Prince Christian, and three of the leaden peilets struck him in the face. One of the shot entered one of his eyeballs, inflicting a very serious wound. In fact, it is reported that the sight of the eye was destroyed, and that the physicianslattending the Prince decided that it would be the safest plan to remove the injured eyeball altogether, in order to preserve the sight of the other eye. This, it is said, was done, and yesterday Prince Christian was progressing favorably toward recovery. The wounds in his face do not amount to anything.

A later dispatch says the oculist Lawson, as called to treat Prince Christin after the accident, has left Osborne House, his presence being no longer necessary. One pellet entered at the top of the Prince's eyelid and descended to the back of the eyeball, causing acute pain until the eye was removed. The shooting was purely accidental, and it is uncertain from whose gun the pellets came that struck the Prince, although the Duko of Connaught is believed to have fired them. The wounds in the Prince's face from the other pellets show that the shots were almost spent and had glanced from the bough of a tree. Prince Christian is cheerful and able to walk around his room.

MGR. FOLCHI DEPOSED.

The Pope's Financial Manager Found to Be Short About 20,000,000 Lire. ROME, Dec. 28.-It has now been decided

that Mgr. Della Voroi, maitre de chambre, is to be appointed major domo, and that Mgr. Del Debisogno, canon of St. Peter, will succeed him. Mgr. Mauri, bishop of Assince, will be nominated to succeed Cardinal Seplacci as secretary to the congregation of bishops and regulars. Mgr. Mauri belongs to the order of St. Dominica. The exemplary deposition of Mgr. Folchi from his position of prelate and vice camerlingue of the apostolic chamber 18 considered an evident sign of the inexactitude of his past administration. This degradation is the result of the report of the extraordinary commission of cardinals appointed to inquire into the financial posi-tion of the Holy See. The commission's re-port was approved by the Pope. This com-mission, consisting of three cardinals, having finished its investigation, will be dis-

solved in January.

The regular administration of Peter's pence and of the Vatican finances will henceforth be intrusted to a commission of seven cardinals. The deficit brought about through the mismanagement of Mgr. Folchi amounts to between 18,000,000 and 23,-000,000 lire. Mgr. Folchi was unable to reply to twenty-three questions regarding his administration put to him by the commis-

WITH THE USUAL RESULT.

An Exciting Debate in the French Chamber of Deputies Ends in a Challenge. Paris, Dec. 28 .- In the Chamber of Depu-

on the Bulgarian affair, expressed regret that diplomatic action in the matter had been transferred from Sofia to Constanti-M. Ribot replied that Bulgaria could not,

on her own authority, expel a foreigner, nor take measures to that end without referring to the council of the country to which the foreigner belonged. The Bulgarian government ought to have made representations to France if it had grievances against a French subject. The French agent at Sofia had not failed in his duty, but had declared his readiness to attend to communications from the Bulgarian government and to transmit them to Paris. All of the circumstances justified his demanding that the order for the expulsion of Chadonine be canceled. France was certain to obtain satisfaction, and the government would do what was necessary without rashness or weakness. [Applause.] M. Maillefeu held that the affair had been much exaggerated. Bulgaria aimed at freedom, and her Ministry had committed neither atrocities nor acts of violence. M. Millevoye protested that M. Maillefeu spoke contrary to what was known to be

be truth. M. Maillefen shouted: "You are not in your right senses.' Deputies on all sides immediately jumped to their feet and tumnit ensued. The President of the Chamber had repeatedly to call for order before the uproar subsided. After the sitting M. Millevoye sent his seconds to

M. Maillefen. The Chamber of Deputies to-day approved the tariff of 7 francs on crude pe-

The trouble between M. Millevoye and M. Maillefen was afterward smoothed over, and all danger of a duel between them was

thus averted.

ADULTERATED FLOUR.

Three Million Poods Rendered Unfit for Food by Mercenary Russians. St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.-The scandal arising from the discovery of adulterated flour is to make trouble for a number of people. The consignment comprised three million poods (7,800,000 English pounds) of barley flour, which had been purchased from dealers in Libau, with the view to regulating the price of wheat in St. Petersburg market, as well as to afford relief to famine sufferers. An investigation proved that the entire consignment had been adulterated with chalk dust and other substances. To make certain of the nature of the adulterants employed the govern-ment officials had a quantity of so-called flour subjected to chemical analysis. This disclosed

the fact that several substances had been used for adulterating the flour and that they comprised such a large proportion of the consignment that the use of the alleged flour would have constituted a very dan-gerous menace to the health, if not the lives, of those who partook of it. Several samples of the adulterated product have been procured by the St. Novoe Vremya, and are displayed in the offices of that paper. In speaking of the gigantic fraud, by which somebody has attempted to defraud the government, the Novoe Vremya remarks that if such frauds can be perpetrated in the capital of the empire, the appalling accounts that have been received of similar crimes in the famine-stricken provinces cannot be exaggerated, as some persons are disposed to believe they are.

Which Will Be Earl Clancarty? LONDON, Dec. 28 .- The Countess of Clanremedy for coughs, coids, etc., than Brown's Belle Bilton, the concest-hall singer, was risk

delivered of twins yesterday morning. Both the children are boys. These births amply provide for the direct succession to the earldom of Clancarty, and the several other titles which belong to the holder of that earldom. The friends of the Countess are more than delighted, for it is believed the event will lead to a complete union of the family.

Rubenstein Will Not Come to America. ROME, Dec. 28.-Anton Rubenstein, the Russian pianist and composer, has dethe offer recently made him for a concert tour in America, gives out that he ceased playing in public. He recently accepted an invitation to a dinner party given in Milan by the composer Verdi, and after the dinner played for two hours to the assembled guests, among whom were the composer Boito and the violoncellist Piatti.

Sentries Who Fired at Citizens. BERLIN, Dec. 28 .- The press of this city indignantly demands that a change be made in the laws permitting sentries to fire upon citizens. Another case of this kind occurred in the Oranienburger-strasse yesterday, making the fifth within three years. Fortunately in this latest case the bullet missed the citizen and lodged in a shop

The New Spanish Tariff Adopted. MADRID, Dec. 28 .- The Cabinet finally adopted the new tariff to-day, and it will be published Jan. 1. The measure includes a provision for the imposition of minimum duties on imports from countries having treaties with Spain and for the placing of maximum rates on imports from other countries. The duty on cork is raised

Bodies of Five Miners Cremated. LONDON, Dec. 28 .- To-day the bodies of five miners have been recovered from a pit at Castleford, Yorkshire, which has been on fire for a fortnight. The bodies were so cremated that the ashes hardly filled a bucket. The remains were buried in one coffin.

Cable Notes. The Duchess Isabella of Genoa, sister-inlaw of the Queen of Italy, is suffering from influenza. The disease is widely prevalent in Florence and Bergamo. The London Press Association says it has

been arranged that the Queen will open the coming session of Parliament by commission and not in person. The French steamer Albatross, engaged in the oyster fishery at Arcachen, has been wrecked and eleven of her crew drowned. One of the stokers was the only survivor. Prince George of Wales was allowed to

leave his bedroom yesterday for the first

time since he was taken ill with typhoid

fever. His mother will go to Sandringham palace on Wednesday. Spink & Son, the London jewelers to whom Mrs. Osborne sold Mrs. Hargreave's pearls, deny that they incited the prosecution of Mrs. Osborne. The treasury offi-

cials will move in the case. A majority of the priests recently arrested at Puebla, Mexico, have been released on bail. In an interview a priest denied that there were any Carlist priests among those arrested, although there are many in Puebla, General Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, who arrived at Madras, India, a few days ago, from Australia, is holding very successful meetings there. Large sums of money have been subscribed for the cause represented by General Booth.

Influenza is cutting a wide swath in Milan and the country adjacent to that city. Many of the city officials are prostrated with the disease, to the detriment of the city's business. There have been a large number of deaths caused by the influenza and its accompanying complica-

POSSIBLE MARINE DISASTER.

Large Steamer Seen Flying Signals of Distress in the Middle of the Atlantic.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 28.-Captain Hopkins, of the British steamer Ocean Queen which arrived to-day, reports naving encountered a terrific gale in mid-ocean on Monday, Dec. 21. Four of the crew were lost. Captain Hopkins reports that on the next morning he sighted a large ocean steamer flying signals of distress. The vessel, to all appearances, was a passenger steamer bound from Liverpool to New York. Owing to a dense fog the Ocean Queen was unable to go to her rescue When the fog lifted nothing more was seen of the distressed steamer. A ship's compass, encased in cork, was picked up afterward. The initials "J. P. C., of England," were engraved upon the ties, to-day, M. Millevoye, in commenting | case. Captain Hopkins is positive that the steamer was wrecked.

Movements of Steamers. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- Arrived: Aurania, from Liverpool; Moravia, from Hamburg; Obadam, from Rotterdam; Thingvalla, from Copenhagen.

GLASGOW, Dec. 28.-Arrived: State of Nebrasks, from New York. LONDON, Dec. 28. -Sighted: Dania and Spain, from New York. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 .- Arrived: Minnesota, from London. BOULOGNE, Dec. 28.-Arrived: Edam, from New York. ANTWERP, Dec. 28 .- Arrived: Noordland, from New York. Boston, Dec. 28 .- Arrived: Cephalonia, from Liverpool.

COLLAPSE OF A SHOE-HOUSE.

An Evansville Firm Assigns Naming Preferred Creditors for \$28,687.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.-Louis Roser & Co., dealers in shoes, assigned here today for the benefit of creditors. The liabilities of the concern amount to \$28,607. The assets are thought to be sufficient to eventually allow the firm to pay out in full. Jewish friends in Evansville and New Orleans are made preferred creditors.

Other Business Troubles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A judgment for \$27,-810 against the United States Rolling-stock Company in favor of Henry D. McLaughlin and others was filed in the county clerk's

office to-day. The action of Isaac H. Bailey, as assignee in bankruptcy of Daniel Drew, to recover certain securities which Drew assigned before his failure to his son, William H. Drew. has been decided in favor of the defendant by Justice Lawrence, of the Supreme

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28.—The officers of the National Exchange Bank of Lexington. Ky., have been summoned to appear before the United States Court at Frankfort, to explain an overdraft of \$40,000, made by W. H. Cheppu, the noted book-keeper. The capital stock of the bank being \$100,000 the bank is perfectly solvent.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28.—J. H. Wertz, who has been in the clothing business in

this city for over forty years, assigned to-day. He lost \$100,000 in a clothing mannfacturing establishment in New York, and \$60,000 as surety for a relative in Chicago. His assets are in excess of his liabilities. WARRENTON, Va., Dec. 28.—A statement of the affairs of Rosenberger, Spendler & Co., the New Market, Va., bankers who had branches here and in two other towns. places the combined shortage at about

\$100,000. The shortage of the Warrenton bank is between \$35,000 and \$40,000. BESSEMER, Mich., Dec. 28 .- M. A. Mittenthal, dealer in men's furnishings and clothing, has failed. Liabilities, \$22,000. The assets will probably reach \$18,000. Foreclosure of mortgages aggregating \$12,000 caused the failure. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-George A. Ritzler,

wholesale crockery, assigned to-day. Liabilities, \$31,000; assets, about half. Fell 150 Feet. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 28.-Michael Blake,

while assisting in taking out a pump at the Elvinax mine, fell to the bottom, a distance of 150 feet, and was instantly killed. The plank upon which he was working broke. Crushed by a Failing Derrick, CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-Andrew Johnson and John Allore, carpenters, at work on the world's fair electricity building, were crushed to death to-night by a falling der-

BEHRING SEA ARBITRATORS

Report that the United States Will Select France, England and Italy.

A Senator Who Thinks Uncle Sam Will Be Forced to Fight Britain-Commander McCalla's Sentence Remitted.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- The Evening Telegram publishes the following, under Washington date: It is believed that the court of arbitrators in the Behring sea case will be announced soon. Our government will select France and it is believed that England will select Italy. These powers will select a third. As the sealing season will not open until June there is no great hurry. A prominent member of the foreign affairs committee of the Senate, who has been consulted in every stage of the Behring sea case, said this morning that it is not to be expected that the decision made by the commission would be mutually satisfactory to both the United States and England. "It is only a question of time," said the Senator. "until we will be compelled to go to war with England to settle the question of our northern boundary. We are not ready for war now with a great power, but we will have to have one sooner or later, and we have no time to lose in establishing a good navy and a system of coast defenses. Of course, we could whip England on land. Congress, I believe, will appreciate our position toward England, and will see the necessity of making liberal appropriations for the immediate improvement of our navy."

McCalla's Sentence Remitted. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The President on Thursday last signed a paper of great interest to the navy. It was a remission of the unexecuted portion of the sentence of suspension imposed by court-martial upon Commander Bowman H. McCalla, who was tried for cruelty to his subordinates during a cruise of the Enterprise, of which he was in command. The court sentenced him suspension for three years and to stand still in his grade in the meantime. The order carrying this sentence into effect was approved May 15, 1890. Nine officers in Commander McCalla's grade have passed him during this period, and it is thought that this incapacitates him from retiring with the rank of commodore. It has been known for some months that strenuous efforts were being made by Captain Mc-Calla's friends to secure remission of the sentence. The day before Christmas Secretary Tracy signed an order returning him to duty. It is not known what duty he will be assigned to, as he is in Europe, and is not within present reach, but it is thought that the officer will return to this country at once and be given an assignment.

Star-Route Service Changes. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-Star-route service has been established in Indiana from Stip's Hill to Metamora, eight miles, and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed two and a half hours running time each way, from Jan. 9, 1892, to June 30, 1892. The service from Stip's Hill to Clarksburg is discontinued after Jan. 8, 1892. The service from Otisco to Bethlehem is changed as follows: Leave Otisco daily, except Sunday, at 12 M.; arrive at Bethlehem by 5 P. M.; leave Bethlehem daily, except Sunday, at 6 A. M.; arrive at

Otisco by 11 A. M. Has Not Agreed to Idemnify Italians. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- None of the officials of the Department of State have any knowledge of any agreement made by this government with the government of Italy to pay idemnity on account of the New Orleans affair, as reported by English correspondents at Rome. So far as can be earned the correspondence on the subject between the two governments, which was interrupted last spring by the recall of the Italian minister here, has not yet been re-

Secretary Foster Visits His Office, Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary Foster spent a short time at his office in the Treasury Department this afternoon for the first time since Nov. 17, when he was taken ill in New York. He looked a trifle paler and thinner than when last on duty, but said he was feeling all right again. He expects to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to-morrow, but will not take active charge of the business of the department for several days yet.

General Notes. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28,-Mrs. J. B. Elam, wife of the President's law partner, arrived at the White House to-day, and will remain during the holidays. Mr. R. J. McKee, the President's son-in-

law, who spent Christmas at the White House, left this morning for Indianapolis. The Attorney-general has appointed Mat-thew T. Allen assistant United States district attorney for the Southern district of California.

peaker Crisp rested well last night, and is better to-day. Representative Mills continues to improve. Congressman Wright is somewhat better to-day, but is still confined to his residence.

The President to-day denied the applicawas convicted on a charge of embezziement of funds of the Fidelity Sarings Bank, of Cincinnati, and sentenced, in 1887, to ten years' imprisonment. uttering from a slight attack of the grip.

Senator Proctor is confined to his home The American Historical Association will hold its eighth annual meeting here, beginning to-morrow evening. The association now numbers 622 members, with 104 life

The Modern Language Association of America began its ninth annual convention in the Columbian University, in this city, this evening. Prof. T. W. Hunt, of Princeton University, presided. Prof. Jas. C. Welling, of Columbian University, Washington, delivered an address of wel-come. Mr. A. R. Spofford, the Librarian of Congress, read a paper on the "Characteristics of Style."

M. Jules l'atonetre, the newly appointed rench minister, arrived in Washington this evening. He was accompanied by M. De Pret, his secretary, and A. F. Aude, attache. The party have quarters at the Shoreham.

La Grippe's Victims,

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- Of the ninety-seven leaths reported at the Board of Health today ten were ascribed to grip, five females and five males. Yesterday there were 150 deaths, of which eleven were due to grip. WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 28 .- Christian association women calling at the house of George Mallison found the fires out, the house cold and the whole family of five persons helpless in bed with the grip. Mrs. Mallison died on Sunday, her mother died to-day and Mallison and his two children

are very low. Hill Preparing to Give Up One Office, ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28,--Governor Hill has moved his household effects and prirate library from the executive mansion. The Governor will remain at the executive mansion until Friday, and until then Mr. and Mrs. Flower, who arrived to-day, will be his guests. He will leave for Washington Jan. 4.

His Neck Broken by a Mail Crane. ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 28.—George M. Nicely, fireman on the Chicago limited, was instantly killed at Lilly this morning. He was leaning out of the cab window when he was struck by the mail crane. His neck was broken and skull crushed.

Vanderbilt's Crank Declared Insane. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- John J. Lingeman, the man who went to Cornelius Vanderbilt's house on Saturday night and wanted his brains, was to-day adjudged insane. An Old Colored Woman Burned.

said to be over one hundred years old, a mass of flames upon the floor of her kitchen. She had evidently tried to light her pipe at the stove, which was found by her side, She was horribly burned and died before the fire could be extinguished.

OBITUARY.

Right Hon, Sir William Arthur White, Brit-

ish Embassador to Turkey. BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Right Hon. Sir William Arthur White, the British embassador to Turkey, died from influenza at the Kaiserhoff, in this city, to-day. Sir William left Constantinople a few days ago, and while journeying homeward passed through Sofia. He remained in the capital city of Bulgaria for a short time and had a brief interview with M. Stambuloff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in regard to the attitude of Bulgaria toward France. It was reported at that time that Sir William set forth at length the views of Lord Salisbury that the Bulgarian government should go far toward satisfying the demand of France growing out of the Chadonine incident. When Sir William reached this city he was ill with influenza. He became rapidly worse, and, though the best medical aid was summoned to assist him, he lost strength rapidly, and to-day the end came. He first complained of feeling indisposed on Thursday. It was his intention to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. which was here, and then return to his post at Constantinople.

Sir William Arthur White was a son o the late Arthur White, Esq. He was born in 1824, and in 1867 he married Katherine, daughter of the late Lewis Kendzior, Esq He entered the English diplomatic service in 1857, his first appointment being as clerk to the British consulate-general at Warsaw. This office he held until 1860. In 1861 he was appointed vice-consul at Warsaw, and held the position three years. He was appointed consul at Dantzie in 1864, and remained there until 1875, when he wa made British agent and consul-general II Servia. In 1880 he was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at Bucharest, and in 1887 was promoted to the embassadorship to Turkey. He was a member of the Privy Council, a knight of the grand cross of the Order of Bath and a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. During the war between France and Germany, in 1870-71, Sir William represented French interests at Dantzic, and while British consul there in 1885 he conducted in a most able manner the conferences called to settle the difficulty betwen Servia and Bulgaria.

Joseph Bonaparte's Valet de Chambre. Avon, Ill., Dec. 28.-Leopold Stocker, an Austrian by birth, is dead, aged eighty-five years. Mr. Stocker came to Bordentown, N. J., with Lucian Murat in 1825. Soon after his arrival he entered the service of Joseph Bonaparte as valet de chambre. He remained a close companion until the King's death at Florence, Italy, in 1844. It was in his arms that Joseph died. He came to Illinois in 1853, and has since been a resident of this place.

Other Deaths. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Alfred Cellier, the composer, is dead. He had been suffering from influenza for about two weeks, and on that account was unable to finish the orchestration of "The Mountebanks," the comic opera, which is the joint work of himself and W. S. Gilbert, in time for production at the date first set.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.-Jacob D. Conner, clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court, died here this morning from the effects of paralysis, with which he was stricken ten days ago. Captain Conner was fifty-five years of age, a native of Maryland, and leaves a wife.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 23.—Gen. Scott Brown died at Frankfort to-day, aged seventy-two years. He was Adjutant-general in 1851, and was in the Legislature from 1875 to

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-Dr. Frederick Bedford, a prominent physician of this city. died this afternoon.

JAPAN TEA.

Americans Drink More of It than of Chinese Article.

New York Tribune. "People in this country seem to have the idea," said a prominent taster of tea last night at the Hotel Brunswick, "that most of the tea that Americans drink comes from China. They are away off the track, as most of the tea comes from Japan. Japanese tea, in its effect on the nerves, is about twice as exciting as the tea from China. One would naturally think that we are the last people on earth who should used such tea, but it is a fact that we here in the United States consume more of

"We now import more than 40,000,000 pounds of tea from Japan, and the consumption is continually on the increase. The teas of Japan are made in eight grades, and we do not get the best by any means. The Japanese are willing to pay much more than we are for tea, and they understand how to make tea much better than we do. Everybody in Japan drinks tea, and every little house at the cross-roads is a teahouse. The hot water is always ready, and as the tea is best when the water has been on the leaves only a few moments, you can always get as much tea as you want. They don't drink tea in Japan as we do here. They have small porcelain cups, holding about as much as our egg-caps, and the your cup in three sips. The more noise you make in drinking the hot liquid the better

your Japanese hosts likes you. "There is one practice of our American groceryman that makes tea even worse | They will compare notes and consider eduthan it really is, and that is the buying of | cat onal matters and the progress in the tea dust, which they mix with the good tea | arts of civilization. and sell it all at the higher price of the good tea. The dust comes from the sifting of the tea before it is packed, and there is over \$150,000 worth of this tea dust used in the United States. I should say that this enormous sum is all we can get, for if there was twice as much dust to be had the gro-

cerymen here would buy it. "Something about the tea farms! In a visit there four years ago, while studying the tea question, I went very carefully over many of the Japanese tea farms. You must know that tea was introduced into Japan from China about one thousand years ago. When it was first brought over it was so costly that only the Japanese noblemen could afford it, and some three hundred years ago, I am told, the Mikado had a tea officer on his staff to look after his tea gardens. Now every farm has its little patch of tea plants. The best of the tea comes from Kiota, from the famous tea

"A new teaplantation in Japan is started from the seed. This is gathered in October from a plant, put in a mixture of sand and earth, and dampened to keep it fresh until spring. The tea plant is a species of ca-mellia, a short, stocky bush, three to five feet high, with white, waxy flowers. Its leaves are dark green, and it would make a beautiful shrub for hedges. The best soil for a tea tarm is virgin forest land, but that is remarkably scarce in Japan, and the land that has been cropped for centuwell drained, and it is essential that water should not lodge around the roots of the plant. Many of the tea farms for this reason are on hillsides, arranged in a kind of

"The seeds gathered in the fall are planted in the spring in circles about two feet in diameter, each circle containing about thirty seeds, with the centers of the circles making up the garden about five feet apart. These two-foot circles in a few years form a compact bush, and each year it is carefully cultivated as well as heavily manured. During the third year of its growth the plants have leaves ready for the picking, and a tea plant is at its very best between its fifth and tenth year. There are at least three pickings a year, and a good tea farm should yield an average of 2,500 pounds of tea to the acre.

"The picking of the tea is done by girls with small baskets, which are, in turn, emptied into great baskets, carried by coolies to the firing-room, where it is sorted, sweated, rolled, steamed and dried. The process is a long one before the tea is packed in large earthen jars, to be taken to the sea-coast, where it is made ready for export. The large firing establishments at Kobe prepare the tea by another drying for shipping to the American mar-ket. It is during this last firing that the coloring matter, if used at all, is put

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matter is used. It consists of a mixture of indigo and soapstone, which is thrown into the pan while it is on the fire. We next hear of it in the caddies of the grocery stores, where it is sold for about five times what it costs the wholesale dealers to im-

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Call to Form a New Central Base-Ball League -This City Invited.

Last night a dispatch was received from Kansas City stating that President Speas, of the Kansas City Base-ball Association, yesterday sent out a call for a meeting of base-ball men to be held at the Wellington, Chicago, Jan. 7, next, to form a new base-ball association. The call was sent to base-ball men in Columbus, Indianapolis, Toledo, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Milwaukee, Minneapolia, St. Paul and Omaha.

This is the first move toward the formation of a central league, which was predicted when the American Association breathed its last at Indianapolis a couple of weeks ago. Such an organization will meet with the hearty support of the "National League, etc., etc.," as it does not enter any of the cities held sacred to that aggregation.

John T. Brush, who demonstrated at the Indianapolis meeting that he knows more about base-ball and can say less about it than any man in the country, expressed an pinion a couple of weeks ago that such a new secondary league would pay, and that Indianapolis could well maintain a club in such an organization. The new reporter was sent to "see" Mr. Brush last night and returned with this: "Going to form a new central league, are they?" asked Mr. Brush when the contents of the dispatch were read to him.

"That's what the dispatch says," replied the reporter, with an inquiring look.
"Yes," suggested Mr. Brush, tentatively. "Haven't you received any word from Mr. Speas?" "From Speas?" with a far-away reminiscent look. "Why, I haven't heard from

Speas for a year or two. Still in Kansas City, is he?" "Haven't you heard any talk of the formation of such a league? "Why, young man," and here a benevo lent smile lit up the magnate's countenance, "I haven't heard any base-ball talk for so long that I've forgotten all about the

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

John D. Haney is under arrest at Philadelphia on the charge of murdering Ellen Winter, a girl whom he betrayed. She was found yesterday with her skull crushed. Anthony H. Sclothan, a farmer living a few miles from Newark, N. J., who last week shot an Italian who was trying to steal a calf, has become crazed by the fear that the man's friends will kill him. Bishop Laughlin, who has been very ill

at his residence adjoining the cathedrai on Clermont avenue, New York, was somewhat improved yesterday. Though still confined to his bed the Bishop is said to be in no danger. Governor Fleming, of Florida, has appointed Edward J. Tracy State Treasurer, vice Francis J. Pond, deceased. Tracy has

been the Governor's private secretary since 1889. He is a native of Cuba, but was educated at St. Augustine. The Maine cattle commissioners have posted a quarantine against Massachusetts cattle because of the tuberculosis, but the regulation does not apply to Western cattle coming through Massachusette into

Maine for the purpose of slaughter. Rev. Y. P. Morgan, for ten years rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, at Cleveland, and dean of the cathedral, has accepted a call from the Church of St. John the Japan tea than any other nation on the | Evangelist, in St. Paul, Minn., and will remove to that city within a month.

> The British steamer Southgate arrived at New York yesterday from Alexandria. Egypt, with 4,900 bales of Egyptian cotton. This is the first large importation of Egyptian cotton. It is considered superior to the American cotton and will be mixed While a freight train was ascending the

heavy grade between Mount Carmel and Centralia, Pa., yesterday, a coupling broke and the first section descended with terrific velocity, and meeting the second section at the foot of the grade, twenty cars were wrecked. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, During the first week in June next an extraordinary gathering of Canadian very quintessence of elegance is to drink | Indians will take place at Kamloops, in British Columbia. There will be present about seven thousand Christian Indians from various parts of British Columbia and probably a number of pagan Indians.

Money in Cattle.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

There are good reasons why the general farmer may now expect to make more money out of his beef cattle in the near future than he has been able to during recent years. It is a settled fact that the population of the United States has for some time been increasing more rapidly than the cattle supply. For a long time we were growing every year more head of cattle per each one thousand of population, and, of course, that led up to the point of overproduction. Now the number is steadily falling back, and there is not much probability that we shall see a repetition of the past course of events. To be sure, whenever better prices seem assured it will stimulate production, but it will be the production of better beeves on the scale of work that can be pursued by the farmer who makes cattle-growing only one of the items of a varied business. The territory available for the range cattle business is practically all occupied, so that there can not be much extension to the business in that direction. This makes the opportunity for the farmer to stock up with improved cattle, with the certainty that he will not again run against the demoralizing competition of the range to such an extent as to knock his feet from under him. The man who does not avail himself of the present opportunity to lay the foundation for a thoroughly good small herd hardly deserves to attain success. The indications point so clearly to a fair profit in growing good beef that we feel we cannot urge our readwho have gone wholly out of cattle within the past year or two, under the impression that the bottom had wholly fallen out of the business, are by this time seeing the error of their judgment.



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